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1. IN RECENT CONTACTS, EMB OFFICERS HAVE DETECTED AN ALMOST
PARANOID FEELING AMONG KEY UAEG OFFICIALS WHICH WE BELIEVE STEMS
TO SOME EXTENT FROM BASIC MISTRUST OF US POLICY OBJECTIVES TOWARD
ARAB GULF STATES. WHILE THERE ADMITTEDLY ELEMENTS OF ARAB POLITICAL
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IRRATIONALITY COUPLED WITH LACK OF SOPHISTICATION ON PART LOCAL

OFFICIALS INVOLVED, FACT REMAINS THAT NUMBER OF UNRELATED RECENT EVENTS
AND PRESS STORIES ARE BEING CITED AS GROWING PROOF THAT US, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH AGENCY OF ITS POWERFUL CLIENT, IRAN, IS PURSUING CALCULATED POLICY AIMED AT ESTABLISHING ITS CONTROL OVER ARAB GULF LITTORAL.

2. NOTWITHSTANDING OUR DENIALS AND OBVIOUS EFFORTS OF CERTAIN GROUPS TO DISCREDIT US IN AREA, SEVERAL OF OUR MOST RESPECTED GOVT SOURCES REMAIN CONVINCED THAT THERE IS ELEMENT OF TRUTH IN ARAB PRESS ALLEGATIONS OF US PLANS TO INVADE ABU DHABI AND PLOT BY AMERICAN GIRL AND HER "GANG" TO KIDNAP UAE OIL MINISTER. OF LATE WHENEVER OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF, OUR SOURCES EXPRESS THEIR APPREHENSIONS OVER A) WHAT THEY CONSIDER DANGEROUS AND UNHEALTHY MILITARY BUILD-UP BEING UNDERTAKEN BY IRANIAN ARMED FORCES WITH FULL SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF USG, AS WELL AS B) INTRODUCTION OF IRANIAN COMBAT UNITS INTO DHOFAR CAMPAIGN. BOTH OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS ARE VIEWED HERE AS POTENTIAL THREATS TO SECURITY OF NEIGHBORING ARAB STATES. WHILE REACTION OF UAEG WAS GENERALLY UNDERSTANDING TO US/UK AGREEMENT TO EXPAND FACILITIES DIEGO GARCIA BASE, WE NONETHELESS DETECTED SLIGHT SUB-SURFACE UNEASINESS AMONG CONTACTS THAT THIS AGREEMENT REPRESENTED YET ANOTHER STEP IN USG "GRAND DESIGN" TO ASSURE POL AND MIL SUPREMACY IN THE GULF AND INDIAN OCEAN. TO EXTENT ARYA EXERCISE BECOMES PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE THEREFORE, REACTION WITHIN UAE WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE UNFAVORABLE.

3. WITH ABOVE AS BACKGROUND, WE WISH CONCUR FULLY IN APPROACH TO ARYA EXERCISE PROPOSED BY AMB STOLTZFUS, NAMELY THAT VENUE SHOULD, IF POSSIBLE, BE FROM PERSIAN GULF TO GULF OF OMAN AND PUBLICITY SHOULD BE EMBARGOED EXCEPT ON "AS ASKED" BASIS. OF COURSE, MOST FAVORABLE THING WE HAVE GOING FOR US IS FACT ARYA CAN BE EXPLAINED AS ROUTINE, ANNUAL EXERCISE, WHICH HAPPENS ALSO INVOLVE LARGER UK CONTINGENT. STRONGLY AGREE WITH POINT MADE PARA 2 TEHRAN 1367 (REFTEL E) THAT MORE EFFECTIVE CLEARANCE PROCEDURES WITHIN USG SHOULD EXIST SO COMMENTS OF FIELD POSTS CAN BE SOLICITED WELL IN ADVANCE OF SCHEDULED JOINT EXERCISE.
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